

Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday



Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church is a safe place for all people to worship regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background or sexual orientation.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Prelude: "The Palms"

Matthew Sonneborn, *Trumpet*

Jean Baptiste Faure
(1830-1914)

Call to Worship

Blessed are those who delight in worship.

Blessed are the ones who come in God's name.

Give thanks to God, all who assemble here.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

This is the day that our God has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Hosanna! Let every knee bend before Jesus!

Let every tongue welcome Christ's reign! Hosanna!

Let us worship God.

A Moment for Splendid Giving

Tim Hall

Hymn: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Please remain seated and enjoy as the soloist sings the hymn.

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor

To Thee, Redeemer, King!

To whom the lips of children

Made sweet hosannas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest.
The King and blessed One. *Refrain.*
3. To Thee, before Thy passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. *Refrain.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, we confess that we are as fickle as the crowds in Jerusalem. When everything seems to be going well, we join the hosanna chorus, but in times of weariness or rebellion, praise can turn to insult. We hide our faith when it is under attack and link ourselves with the scoffers. When there is opportunity to speak a good word for Jesus Christ, we are silent. Our church lifts an uncertain word before the world, for we, its members, have not been faithful. We need your forgiving love today, O God, more than ever. Hear our prayer! Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Gloria Patri

Henry Greatorex

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

Moment for Children

Heather Mikes

Jesus loves me, this I know, For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong, They are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

² Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo: "Blessed is He"

Jay Althouse

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

(b. 1951)

Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. All glory, laud and honor, to Thee, Redeemer King, To whom the lips of children all sing. The company of angels are praising Him on high, And we with all creation reply; Hosanna, the little children sang. Hosanna, the lovely anthem rang. Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang. Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang; to Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to His breast, The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best. Hosanna, on high!

Prayer for Illumination

The Gospel Reading

Mark 11:1-11

¹ When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵ some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶ They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" ¹¹ Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

"Our Unexpected Savior"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Offering

Offertory: "The Holy City"

F. E. Weatherly (1848-1929)

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

Stephen Adams (1841-1913)

Last night I lay a-sleeping, there came a dream so fair. I stood in old Jerusalem beside the temple there. I heard the children singing and ever as they sang, me-thought the voice of angels from heaven in answer rang. "Jerusalem, Jerusalem! Lift up your gates and sing, hosanna in the highest. Hosanna to your King!" And then me-thought my dream was changed, the streets no longer rang. Hushed were the glad hosannas the little children sang. The sun grew dark with mystery. The morn was cold and chill. As the shadow of a cross arose upon a lonely hill. "Jerusalem, Jerusalem! Hark! How the angels sing, hosanna in the highest. Hosanna to your King!" And once again the scene was changed. New earth there seemed to be. I saw the Holy City beside the tideless sea. The light of God was on its streets. The gates were open wide, and all who would might enter and no one was denied. No need of moon or stars by night, or sun to shine by day. It was the new Jerusalem that would not pass away. "Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Sing for the night is o'er. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna for evermore!"

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Commission and Blessing

Give thanks for God's reign among us.

Praise God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

We trust in God and seek to serve in Christ's name.

Alleluia!

Amen.

Solo: "Ride On, King Jesus!"

Sherry Hardgrove, *Soprano*

arr. Hall Johnson
(1888-1970)

Postlude: "Trumpet Tune in D Major"

Matthew Sonneborn, *Trumpet*

David N. Johnson

Please remain seated until the end of the Postlude.



**The flowers adorning the chancel are given
in loving memory of BOB LANDON from his family.**

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, *Pastor*

Susie Hilton, *Liturgist for virtual worship*

Dr. James Cochran, *Director of Music*, playing the

Richard and Patricia Fors Organ given to the

Glory of God and in honor of James Cochran, Organist.

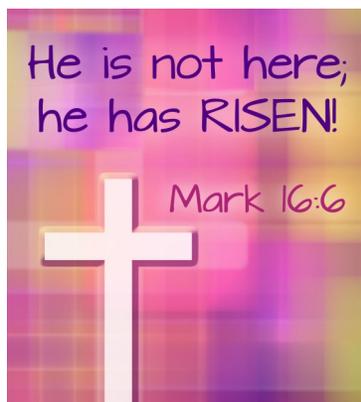
Heather Mikes, *Director of Christian Education*

Michele Byrd, *Soprano for virtual worship*

Sherry Hardgrove, *Soprano for virtual worship*

Matthew Sonneborn, *Trumpet*

Soundboard Operator: Victoria Bonavita



SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

April 4: Easter Sunday

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Gospel Reading: Mark 16:1-8

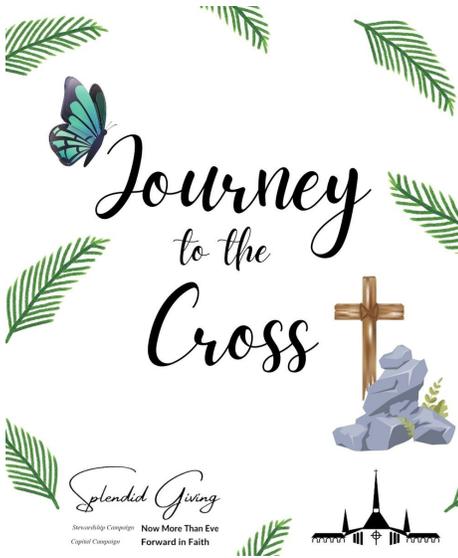
SPECIAL NOTE

Due to the challenges of the pandemic and our sanctuary seating capacity, we are unable to have in-person worship for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. All of these services will be available as a virtual worship service on our website, www.vpcnaples.org.

VPC NEWS

COME WITH US ON A JOURNEY TO THE CROSS, an outdoor worship event exploring Holy Week from Palm Sunday to the Resurrection. Beginning at 10 am on Sunday, March 28, we invite you to drive through the porte-cochère anytime between 10-10:45 am. You'll make five short stops on your journey, receiving items to help reflect on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday & Dedication Sunday. As you exit, please park in the lot facing the church and remain in your car OR bring your lawn chair and come sit, socially distanced, to enjoy a string trio in the reserved lot. Chalk art will be available. At 10:45 am, Pastor Rob will offer a time of worship, including a special time for the dedication of campaign pledges. This is intended to be a meaningful way for all to participate safely in the service and dedication. All are welcome. As we work our way through the challenges of this pandemic, we are

creating ways to provide opportunities for our congregation to worship safely; ensuring that all are welcome, so we never have to turn anyone away from VPC. Our traditional Maundy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter services will be held virtually. Based on historical attendance, Easter Sunday cannot be accommodated safely. Thanks for understanding.



Splendid Giving: The Annual Stewardship Campaign, to generate pledges for support of our operating budget, and the Capital Campaign, to eliminate the existing mortgage debt related to the Deo Gloria project is coming to a close. We ask that you prayerfully and joyously participate in both of these *Splendid Giving* initiatives. Take a moment to consider

the abundant grace and blessing that God has poured out upon you and examine how you might use those blessings to the benefit of others. We greatly appreciate your prayerful consideration and timely response. Join us in *Splendid Giving* – for both the Annual Stewardship Campaign, “Now More Than Ever” and the Capital Campaign, “Forward in Faith.”

Gifted Prayer - Thomas Merton

Almighty God, we thank you for all the gifts You have given us: our lives, our loved ones, all that we have and all that we are. Most of all, we thank You for Jesus, your Son and our Redeemer, who came among us to show us the way to eternal life. Jesus was the perfect steward of your gifts, showing that complete trust in You is necessary, and that giving of self is a most important part of following Him. May the offerings of our time, our talents, and our material resources be made in the same spirit of sacrifice that Jesus taught us by His life and death for us. ~ Amen.

Link to a daily prayer calendar for the Splendid Giving Campaigns:

<https://vpcnaples.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Scriptures-Prayer-Calendar-FINAL.pdf>



OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

ZOOM LUNCH WITH YOUR PASTOR AND BIBLE STUDY: Will NOT meet this week (3/30 & 3/31).

ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP? Members from the several Ministry Teams are needed for a sub-committee of Buildings & Grounds. Chaired by David Curtiss, this group will evaluate existing technology infrastructure as we progress to a comprehensive digital upgrade for the church. With your interest please contact via email David Curtiss at dwcurtiss@gmail.com or David Dehnart at ddehnart@vpcnaples.org.



OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP WITH MISSIONS



IT IS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY MONTH! Why not volunteer at Habitat for Humanity of Collier County? Wednesdays at 7:30 am we meet at VPC to go out to Habitat for Humanity. To join us, just wear comfortable work clothes and bring your own lunch. At 2pm we load up and head back to the church. For more information, please call John Paalman (818-642-2976) email: johnpaalman@yahoo.com.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR HELP

DO YOU NEED HELP SCHEDULING A COVID VACCINE? As some of you know, the VPC office staff have been trying to help members and friends of VPC get a **COVID-19 VACCINE APPOINTMENT**. In an effort to reach out to this congregation and others in need, we would like to extend the offer to families and friends. If you, or someone you know, needs help getting an appointment, let them know that VPC is here to help. It does not matter if they are members, Presbyterian or Catholics... we are all walking the Christian walk. To have an appointment scheduled for you, or for more information, please call **BARBARA BONAVIDA** at (239)597-5410 during office hours, **Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm**.



VPC STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE HERE TO HELP: Know someone in need? Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers that are a phone call or email away to walk beside you, listen and provide ongoing support. Call our Stephen Leader Referrals Coordinator: Kay Beernink at 239-238-1526(leskaybee@aol.com).

VIRTUAL HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday—Communion Service

April 1, 2021

Good Friday—Passion Gospel

April 2, 2021

Easter Sunday—The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 4, 2021



All services will available on the website: www.vpcnaples.org under Sermon Library *beginning at 6 am each day.*

FINANCIAL UPDATE—OPERATING FUND: February 2021:

	February	YTD	Budget
Operating Income	\$131,962	\$ 252,071	\$1,363,000
Expenses	\$ 97,663	\$ 208,304	\$1,363,000
Deo Mortgage Balance	2/28/2021	\$1,666,828	



In everything
give thanks.

1 Thessalonians 5:18, NASB

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING OUR COUNTRY

If you have a relative or friend in the military, please let the Church have their name/address. We think it is important to keep in contact with those who serve our country. Thank you.

ENSIGN Francis Alvares

US Navy, Pensacola, FL
(Friend of Jay & Mary Chesslo)

MSgt Kristopher Chesslo

USAF
(Jay & Mary Chesslo's nephew)

LTJG Wyatt R. Dawley

US Navy Intel
(Loren & Debbie Dawley's grandson)

LCDR Adam Endrelunas

US Navy
(Cherie & Dave Baines' son-in-law)

MAJ Allen Fujinaka

US Army
(LaVerne Perrollaz's granddaughter's husband)

CPTN Jennifer Giles

USMC, Philippines
(Mary Giles' granddaughter)

CPTN Jeremy Giles

US Army Special Forces,
Ft. Bragg, NC

(Mary Giles' grandson)

LT Col. Jessica D. Grassetti

(Claudia Polzin's niece)

MAJ Robert Gruber, USMC

LT CDR Marjorie Gruber, US Navy
Camp Pendleton, CA

(Bob Gruber son & daughter in law)

E-3 Jacob Guzman

US Army—USA
(Cesar Guzman's son)

Lt. Devon Hennessey

Just returned to Texas from Afganistan
(Toni Hubbard)

Christian Kurz

US Navy, USS Nitze
(Joyce Geary's great nephew)

LCDR Michelle Lea

US Navy
(Cherie & Dave Baines' daughter in law)

LT Kevin McCormick

US Army - USA
(Friend of Dick & Sharon Learn)

Austin Schwartz

USMC, Camp Pendleton, CA
(Patricia Schwartz's grandson)

MAJ Matthew Smith,

USMC, Kuwait
(Son of Linda Smith)

1st LT Andrew P. Vadyak

USMC
Okinawa, Japan

Hadley Vadyak

USNA Class of 2020

EM Xzavier Whitaker

US Navy (John & Roberta McMaster's
granddaughter's husband)



PRAY
FOR OUR MILITARY

A Very Happy Birthday to...



Happy Birthday!

Julianne Hobbs	3/28
Dave Curtiss	3/29
*Nancy Miller	3/30
Eliza Nevin	3/30
*Ron Shaffer	3/31
Marion Wayenberg	4/1
Kathryn Leaming	4/1
Toni Keefer	4/2
Rodger Jacob	4/3
Woody Schneider	4/3

***Birthday Club Members**

Interested in joining the Club? Birthday Club Members give one dollar for each year of their life to celebrate their special day. The VPC Endowment Team uses the interest income from the Birthday Club exclusively for Youth Activities! Please consider becoming a member of the Birthday Club. Celebrate your Birthday by thanking God for your life!



Happy Anniversary!

Ann & Kevin Foote	3/28
Diana & Anthony Amato	3/29
Gail & Gary Gorran	3/31
Jim & Martha Fligg	4/1
Dick & Susie Hilton	4/1



PRAYER CONCERNS

Please continue to hold in prayer our church family and friends facing illness, injury and hardship. If you have any joys and/or concerns, let us know as they are lifted up daily through our intercessory prayer ministry. If you are hospitalized, please let the facility know you are a member or friend of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church so they can let us know! Please notice that prayer requests will be kept in the bulletin for a period of 30 days, after which a new prayer request card should be resubmitted.

Margaret Andreason	The Landon Family
Bruce Berkinshaw	Larry MacDonald
The Bibb Family	Judy Malone
Adriana Caruso	Emily Orr
The Chappler Family	Domenico Paglia
Gretchen Davison	Carlos Perez
Loren Dawley	Bruce Reyher
Nancy Diederich	Twila Rowe
Jeffrey Elliott	Frank Schmitt
The Ferguson Family	Carol Schwiers
Jim & Wealtha Flick	Sid Showalter
Jim Fligg	Ron Sieling
Mike Frimpter	Deborah Smith
Pattie Fruth	Dennis Smith
Richard Grunert	Liz Nowry Smith
The Haller Family	Patricia Smith
Quinten Hawkins	John Spain
Inspired Living at Bonita Springs	Ann West
Sandra Johnson	
Karen	

Please keep **Karen Chappler** in your prayers on the death of her son, Alexander Kelley-Ferris Chappler, at the age of 40 on March 11. Memorial services will be held in Kentucky.



Lord, we ask for your help in being a light in every place you've given us to walk. Give us care and wisdom as we live and work with one another. Help us to look to another's needs before our own, and to always be ready to serve those around us by the power of your love within us. Even in every dark and broken place, for the times we feel like we're barely making it through, give us your joy Lord, your grace, and the powerful presence of your peace. Amen.

VPC MISSION

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church is called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit to live like Christ in a broken world.

- To Proclaim the Gospel
- To Glorify God in worship and deed
- To Equip our congregation for ministry
- To Serve others in Christ's name.

VPC VISION

A congregation...

- ...so grounded in scripture and sustained by prayer,
- ...so committed to spiritual growth and faithful discipleship,
- ...so inviting, welcoming and inclusive,
- ...so nurturing and healing,
- ...so mission-minded,
- ...so vibrant, energetic and open to opportunities to share the Gospel that lives are transformed by the love of Christ.



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